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In connection with the above-entitled matter, Applicant wishes to bring to the attention of the Patent Office additional prior art received in connection with an Official Action issued in Applicant's corresponding Japanese application. Attached is U.S. Patent Office Form PTO-1449, including copies of some of the prior art references listed therein, and a copy of the Official Action. Where available, English language counterparts and/or abstracts are also provided for Examiner's convenience. The reference JP '577 is already of record in this case. Thus, an additional copy will not be provided. The claims in the present application are believed to be patentably distinguished over these references.

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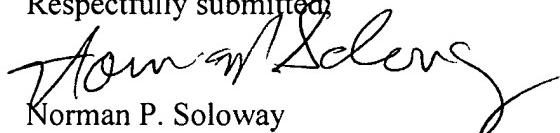
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information thus disclosed in fact constitute prior art or that it is the closest prior art, inasmuch as 37 CFR 1.56(A) relies on a materiality concept which depends on subjectivity.

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